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4 THINGS TO KNOW

Violent weather kills 3 in Missouri, floods rivers in Oklahoma

Forecasters are calling for several additional inches of rain.

A relentless barrage of violent weather in the central United States left three people dead on Thursday, local media said, as tornadoes raked across southwest Missouri and devastated the state capital, and heavy rain flooded rivers in Oklahoma.

The reported casualties from the tornadoes, which struck Missouri in the middle of the night, brought the week's weather-related death toll in the region to at least seven, as forecasters said the rain and threat of damaging winds were expected to continue.

"It looks to stay quite wet over the next week across the central portion of the country," said meteorologist Mark Chenard of the National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

A system of showers stretching from the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma north to Nebraska were to bring flooding risks on Thursday, Chenard said. A somewhat diminished threat of tornadoes will persist from the Texas Panhandle through Kansas, he added.

The weather service's St. Louis office confirmed tornadoes touched down near Joplin, Missouri, late Wednesday, and local media, including the Joplin Globe, reported at least three dead.

In Jefferson City, the state capital, officials said a "massive" twister caused widespread damage to buildings, trees, cars and power lines, but no fatalities.

"Many, many buildings have significant damage, and there's a lot of them that just have small damage as well, so it's just very widespread," Jefferson City Mayor Carrie Tergin told CNN.

Missouri Gov. Mark Parson said at least 20 people were treated at hospitals for injuries, most of them released shortly thereafter, and praised the city's tornado warning system.

"That's why we didn't have any fatalities in Jefferson City last night, why we didn't have more injuries," Parson said on CNN.

Weather forecasters expect the region to get another 2 inches of rain through Friday.

President Donald Trump said his heart went out to the people of Missouri as they assessed the damage. "You are strong and resilient, and we are here to assist," he wrote on Twitter.

Trump also urged Oklahomans to stay safe and listen to the warnings of local officials. "We are with you!" he tweeted. REUTERS

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2 US charges WikiLeaks' Assange with espionage

The U.S. Justice Department unveiled 17 new criminal charges against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Thursday, saying he unlawfully published the names of classified sources and conspired with and assisted ex-Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning in obtaining access to classified information. The superseding indictment comes a little more than a month after the Justice Department unsealed a narrower criminal case against Assange. Assange was initially charged with conspiring with Manning to gain access to a government computer as part of a 2010 leak by WikiLeaks of hundreds of thousands of U.S. military reports about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. WikiLeaks describes itself as specializing in the publication of "censored or otherwise restricted official materials involving war, spying and corruption." REUTERS

3 Death penalty weighed for accused Pittsburgh shooter

The case of Robert Bowers, the man accused of massacring 11 people at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue last year, was set to return to a federal courtroom on Thursday as prosecutors weigh whether to pursue the death penalty against him. Bowers, 46, is accused of bursting into the synagogue on Oct. 27 with a semiautomatic rifle and three handguns and shouting "all Jews must die" as he fired on congregants gathered for a Sabbath service. Bowers has pleaded not guilty. Some of the charges, including murder as a hate crime, can carry the death penalty. At Thursday's hearing, prosecutors may discuss whether they will seek the death penalty. One of Bowers' attorneys, death penalty specialist Judith Clarke, said at his last hearing that the defense hoped to settle without trial. A negotiated plea deal could allow Bowers to avoid facing the risk of execution. REUTERS

4 Trump doubts more troops needed for Middle East

President Donald Trump said on Thursday he did not think additional U.S. troops are needed in the Middle East to counter Iran, casting doubt on a Pentagon plan to bolster forces in the region. "I don't think we're going to need them. I really don't," Trump told reporters. "I would certainly send troops if we need them." If needed, "we'll be there in whatever number we need," he added. Trump, who has been focused on trying to reduce the number of U.S. troops deployed around the world, spoke shortly before he was to be briefed at the White House on a new deployment plan by acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan. Shanahan said the Pentagon was considering sending additional U.S. troops to the Middle East as one of the ways to bolster protection for American forces there amid tensions with Iran. REUTERS

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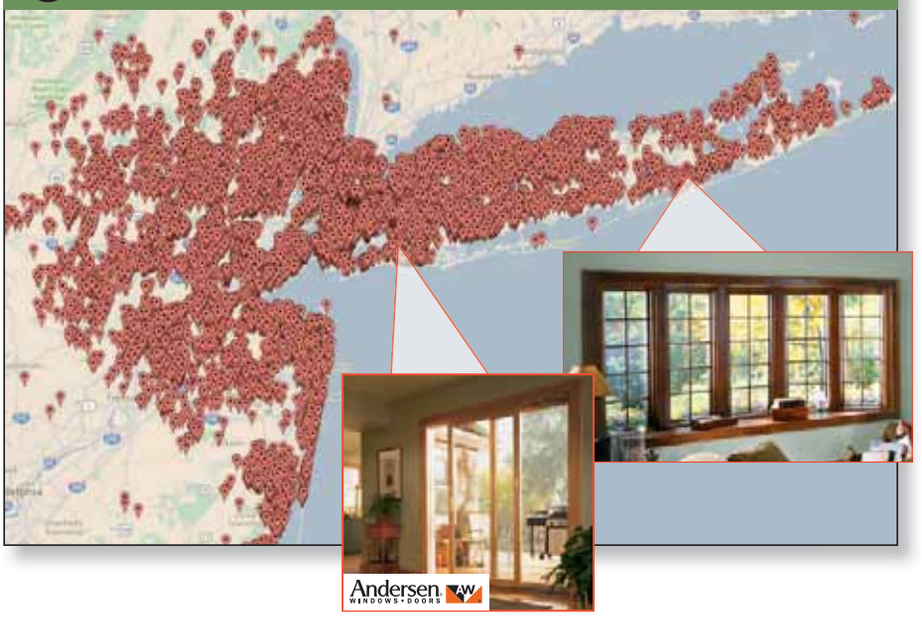

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Subway surfers may be screwing up your NYC commute

Someone has been intentionally pulling the subway brakes to ruin commutes around the city.

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NYPD

Someone has been intentionally pulling the subway brakes to ruin commutes around the city.

Earlier this week, NYCT Subway shared on Twitter that someone has been purposely pulling the 2/3 lines' emergency brakes. Luckily, no one has been injured; however, many have been inconvenienced.

These brake-pulling incidents have been happening frequently over a few months, and potentially for years. According to an interview with PIX 11, MTA Chairman Pat Foye said, "We were reluctant to discuss because of copycats." Although officials are seeking out an individual, they believe there could possibly be a group of people pulling the brakes.

Just like any villain, this subway surfer has a signature M.O. According to Jalopnik.com, "the suspect disrupts service primarily on the 2 and 5 lines from Flatbush Avenue in central Brooklyn to Midtown Manhattan."

The subway surfer reportedly "climbs aboard the rear of the train as it departs a station, unlocks the safety chains, somehow gets into the rear cab, and triggers the emergency brakes. Then, he disappears, most likely through the subway tunnels and out an emergency exit." PIX 11 also reported that the criminal "somehow has keys to a locked panel where the emergency brake switch is located."

These subway surfers have not been caught; however, the NYPD recently put out a video of a supposed subway surfer. The individual is described as a 20- to 30-something male with brown eyes and black hair.

The NYPD and MTA want the public's help to help catch the subway surfer of New York City, because what kind of monster does this fun? After a long day at work, no one wants to be trapped in an overcrowded, non-air-conditioned car.

In a tweet posted by NYPD Crime Stoppers, the subway surfer was said to have been seen last on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at around 5:43 p.m. heading north on a 2 train from the 14th Street station at 7th Avenue.

Anyone with information can contact the NYPD tip line at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or directly message them on Twitter at @NYPDTips. All calls are anonymous.

Google Pay comes to the MTA

Google has partnered with the MTA to make your daily commute easier.

As of May 31, select subway stations and Staten Island buses will allow riders to "pay per ride" with Google Pay. This is one of the many projects that Google reportedly is working on with the MTA.

Not only will riders be able to use Google Pay to purchase tickets, but also they will have access to new features integrated from Google Maps and Google Assistant.

According to Google's blog, once the pilot program starts next week, "you'll be able to use Google Pay to board all Staten Island buses and subway stations along the 4/5/6 lines between Grand Central and Atlantic Ave–Barclays Center — no need to stand in line for a MetroCard."

LUIS MATOS

This new system promises to be more secure since you can't lose your mobile ticket unless you lose your phone. "Google Pay doesn't share your actual credit or debit card number when you pay," according to the blog. So users' private information is safe.

The pilot program may expand soon. Engadget.com reported that Google Maps will also "roll out a feature that will show you which routes accept Google Pay in the coming weeks."

Google Assistant will also help commuters determine their train's estimated time of arrival. To get this transit information, all users need to do is ask their Google Assistant, "Hey Google, when is the next (4) train arriving?" or "Hey Google, when is the next train?"

"Your Assistant will share the train's ETA and provide walking directions to the station, making it easier to plan your commute," according to the blog. This Assistant feature has officially launched and was accessible as of May 23.

New York City is not the first (and will not be the last) to get these new features. Google has partnered with transit agencies in more than 30 cities worldwide.

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Why Aren't Doctors Telling Knee Arthritis Sufferers About These Two Often Successful Treatments?

Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer Needs To Know - Before Or After Knee Replacement Surgery

NYC -If you suffer with knee arthritis pan, you have probably already tried *many* treatments... especially countless pain medications. With minimal or no results

Are there any better options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis *a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.*

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NYC Pain MD is a REAL medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers. Patients travel from all over the tai-state to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available.

What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or on the internet.

Know this fact: <u>There is no cure for arthritis.</u> But there are *these* two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation - the good and the bad....

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knee. In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid."

Pharmaceutical companies (with the help of scientists) can now make synovial fluid-like compounds that... during viscosupplementaiton treatments... doctors precisely inject directly into the knee joint.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the formula will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NYC Pain MD*** use advanced digital imaging so they visually guide the injection accurately into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that performing joint injections without imaging miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have had prior viscosupplementation without this special digital imaging without good results - this may be the exact reason why.

That's why NYC Pain MD even takes it one step further. They do not just use one form of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation "medicines" also come in several different formulas.

Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. While many doctors only use one formula, the experts at NYC Pain MD use several and great effort is taken to figure out what the best one is for you.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

#2 Radiofrequency Neurotomy

This treatment is called, "Radiofrequncy Neurotomy." RF for short

RF is a procedure that is based on the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "Genicular nerves."

Radiofrequncy waves are delivered to the Genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerves.

Two procedures are performed. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, Genicular Neurotomy (GRF) is performed for long term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal *Pain* found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1, 4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post-procedure adverse event during the follow-up period. RF neurotomy of Genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee OA pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

Who Should Try This Treatment?

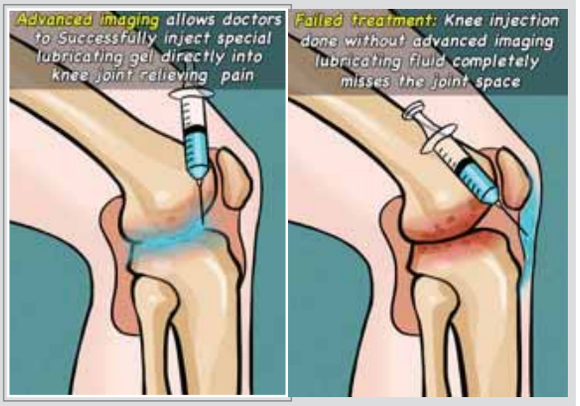
RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication, physical rehab or viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF may be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

<u>But - RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.</u>

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure may be the only thing that helps and give you after surgery relief.

Advanced Imaging Allows Doctors To Pin-Point Treatments And Relieve Knee Arthritis Pain


Advanced imaging allows doctors to successfully inject special lubricating gel directly into knee joint relieving pain
Failed treatment: Knee injection done without advanced imaging lubricating fluid completely misses the joint space

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers? Research shows joint injections done without advanced imaging misses the joint about 30% of the time. Now doctors can put lubricating fluid directly into the arthritis joint that may alleviate pain and restore function to many.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

NYC Pain MD offers a limited number of complimentary knee arthritis t screenings every month. These screenings are a way for knee arthritis sufferers to get their questions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at ***NYC Pain MD.*** If you would like to schedule a screening, just call 877-380-8537.

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‘American Taliban’ John Walker Lindh released from US prison amid concerns

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called the release “unexplainable and unconscionable.”

John Walker Lindh, the American captured in Afghanistan in 2001 fighting for the Taliban, was freed early from federal prison on Thursday after serving 17 years, the Federal Bureau of Prisons said.

Lindh, who was 20 years old when he was captured, was released amid concerns about his rehabilitation.

Lindh, now 38, left the prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, Thursday morning. He had been sentenced to 20 years after pleading guilty in 2002 to charges of supplying services to the Taliban and carrying an explosive during the commission of a felony.

Lindh is among dozens of prisoners to be released during the next few years after being captured in Iraq and Afghanistan and convicted of terrorism-related crimes following the attacks on the U.S. by al Qaeda on Sept. 11, 2001.

His release brought objections from lawmakers who asked why Lindh was being freed early and what training parole officers had to spot radicalization and recidivism among former jihadists.

Leaked U.S. government documents published by Foreign Policy magazine show the federal government as recently as 2016 described Lindh as holding “extremist views.”

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called Lindh’s release “unexplainable and unconscionable.”

“There’s something deeply troubling and wrong about it,” he said on Fox News on Thursday.

U.S.-born John Walker Lindh was captured near Mazar-i-Sharif. REUTERS

“What is the current interagency policy, strategy, and process for ensuring that terrorist/extremist offenders successfully reintegrate into society?” asked U.S. Senators Richard Shelby and Margaret Hassan in a letter to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The bureau said in a statement that it does not share details of specific inmates’ release plans but that it does have policies for monitoring parolees with ties to terrorism.

During his supervised release, Lindh won’t be allowed to possess internet-capable device with out prior permission from his probation officer, and any device must be monitored continuously, according to court documents.

He is not allowed to hold a passport, communicate with known extremists or have any online communications in any language other than English unless otherwise approved. He also must undergo mental health counseling, court documents showed.

> **“There’s something deeply troubling and wrong about it.”**
>
> **U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo**

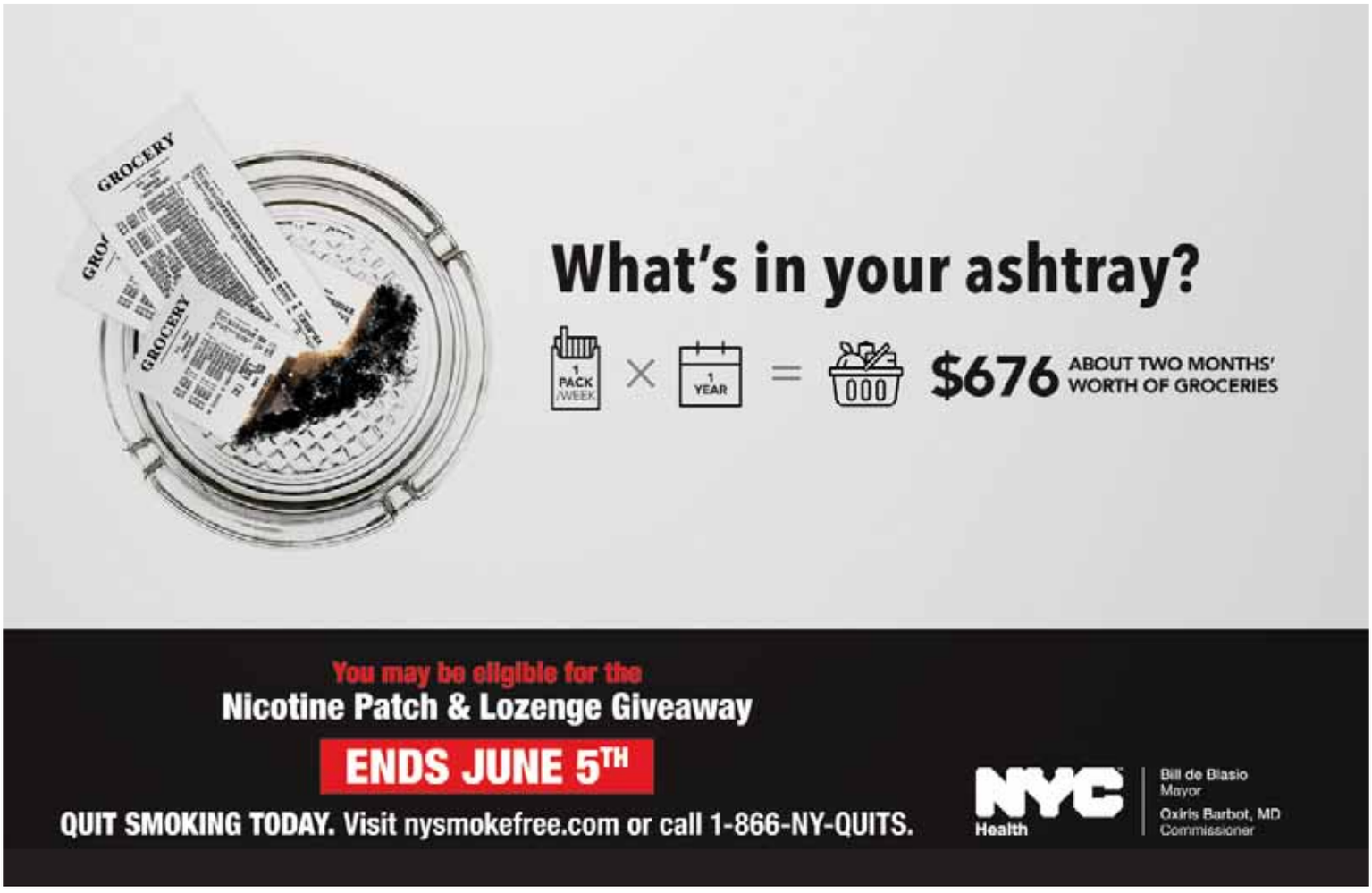
Lindh’s parents, Marilyn Walker and Frank Lindh, did not respond to requests for comment and Lindh’s lawyer, Bill Cummings, declined to comment.

U.S.-born Lindh converted from Catholicism to Islam as a teenager. At his sentencing in 2002, he said he traveled to Yemen to learn Arabic and then to Pakistan to study Islam.

Lindh said he volunteered as a soldier with the Taliban, the radical Sunni Muslim group that ruled most of Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, to help fellow Muslims in their struggle or “jihad.” He said he had no intention “to fight against America” and never understood jihad to mean anti-Americanism.

Lindh told the court he condemned “terrorism on every level” and attacks by al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden were “completely against Islam.”

But a January 2017 report by the government’s National Counterterrorism Center, published by Foreign Policy, said that, as of May 2016, Lindh “continued to advocate for global jihad and to write and translate violent extremist texts.” REUTERS



THE FOREMAN FORECAST: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

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The Democrats controlling the House "literally haven't gotten anything done" since Speaker Nancy Pelosi took the gavel. Nada. Zippo. This was the gleeful announcement from White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders, as she pressed President Trump's case that Democratic lawmakers are wasting time and tax money investigating him. Trump himself tweeted, "Zero is getting done … it is not possible for [Congress] to investigate and legislate at the same time."

These are nice, strong, clear statements sure to delight the Trump base. They are also patently, provably not true. This is fake news being pushed by a White House that screams endlessly that such falsehoods are the damnation of America.

Under Dem control since just January, the House has passed 235 pieces of legislation. Two hundred thirty-five! Sure, some of them were about little things, like naming post offices. But the Dems also tackled some major issues, approving measures to address ethics, campaign finances, government reforms, discrimination, gun safety, and global warming.

Despite that, it is worth noting that 17 items approved by the Dems in the House, were also passed by the Senate Republicans, including legislation to end the government shutdown, to address a drought out West, and to deal with conservation issues.

Now, I am not taking sides here. I'm paid to not care which party gets credit or blame for anything. But I'm also paid to follow the facts, and they say Team Trump is dead wrong on this matter. Democrats may not be taking the actions Trump wants. They may be pursuing investigations he loathes. But they're decidedly doing things, including things which could be his undoing. And that's probably what all the White House griping is really about.

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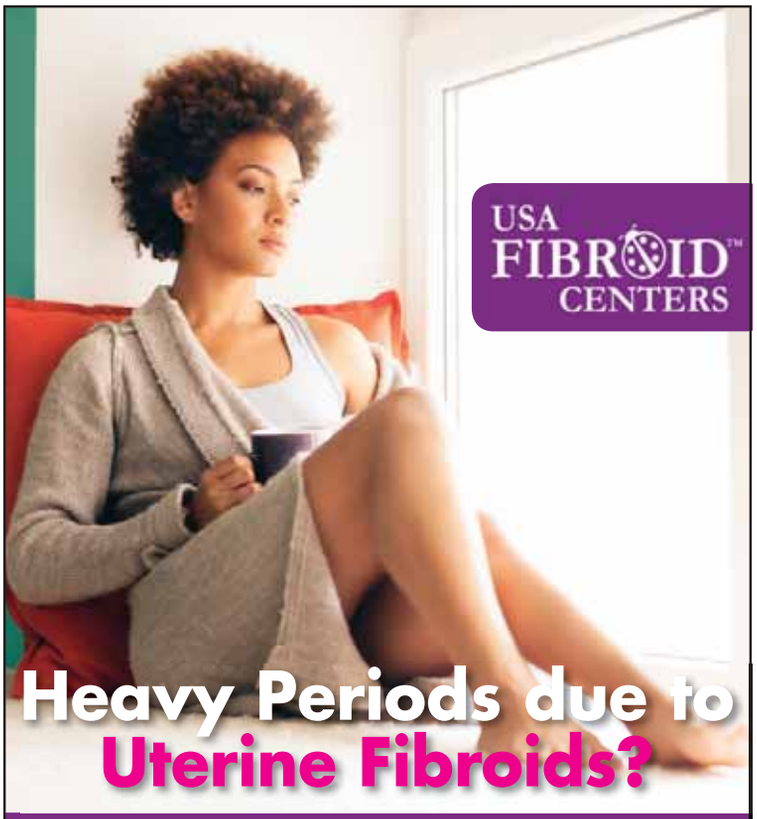

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READER WRITE-INS:

MOVE OUTTA THE WAY!

Why do people have to walk side by side while walking down the street during rush hour? Move out of the way for the commuters trying to get home. Why don't people walk up or down a moving escalator?

— **Megan Whitesell**, *Metro Philly reader*

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Aries Don't get angry about something you cannot change. Look for other opportunities that will help you make the most of what you have to offer. Call in favors.

Taurus An emotional incident will make you look bad. Don't share personal information with anyone who may use it against you. Stay focused, well-informed and poised to defend your position.

Gemini Find out more about your family background. Visit an older relative who can share information and memories. What you discover will help you make an important decision.

Cancer Keep close tabs on your spending. A bargain isn't saving you money if you are buying something you don't need. Personal improvements can be made for free.

Leo A change of heart may leave you wondering what went wrong. Before you let a situation get you down, consider socializing. You'll be surprised by someone you encounter.

Virgo Make plans to do something with a loved one, or go on a spiritual quest. Search for ways to make subtle improvements to give yourself and your prospects a boost.

Libra Invest more time and money in your appearance and health. Set up a program that will encourage you to eat and live well. Good advice will be offered.

Scorpio Keep your emotions out of the equation when dealing with sensitive issues that include a loved one. Kind actions and attention will speak louder than words. Romance is highlighted.

Sagittarius Talk matters through. If something doesn't seem right, ask questions until you are sure you understand what's going on. Don't use excessive behavior to avoid reality.

Capricorn Move things around at home to accommodate your plans. Whether you are hosting an event or starting a new project, having the proper surroundings will make a difference. Share with a loved one.

Aquarius Your emotions should not be ignored. If you listen to your heart, you will know exactly what you have to do. Prepare to walk away from unpredictable situations.

Pisces Don't hide from your past. Acknowledge what's happened, learn from your mistakes and make sure you don't slip back into a bad pattern or habit. Respect is earned, not bought. EUGENIA LAST

Mena Massoud in "Aladdin." DISNEY

'I had to learn a lot to play Aladdin'

MENA MASSOUD

Mena Massoud never thought he would ever get the chance to play his favorite Disney character. But his wish did come true. We spoke with the Canadian-based actor about playing the role of his dreams.

DANIEL CASSILAS

Were you an "Aladdin" fan before you started to work on this movie?
I've been watching the film since I was a kid. You know, I've probably watched it over 25 times and it's a great honor to be able to be a part of it.

What did you feel about being the human version of "Aladdin"?
Yeah, I loved it. He is a very complex character and he goes on this incredible journey. And the sheer amount of things I had to learn for playing him: the singing, the dancing, the action… I had to learn a lot to be able to play him and he taught me a lot.

Did you enjoy the singing and dancing part?
Yeah, absolutely. We had an amazing time learning how to do all the numbers and putting together the musical numbers. It was very artistically satisfying.

Tell us more about your character. How do you define Aladdin?
Aladdin is a young man who goes on this journey of self-discovery. He is trying to discover who he is and who he wants to become in this next chapter of his life. And, you know, he is trying to learn that he is good enough as who he is deep down inside.

What was your favorite scene from the film?
My favorite scene? Oh, it's a tough one. I would say my favorite scene is the Jean Genie scene. I got to improvise with Will [Smith], and I have been watching him since I was a kid. So getting to improvise with him was a dream come true.

How was it working with him?
It was great. We often would be on set and he would start beat boxing and dancing. And me and Naomi would join in. And then before you know it, all the dancers would join in. So it was kind of like always having a party on set.

The film presents Jasmine as a strong woman. What is your opinion on that?
Yeah, we definitely shifted focus on Jasmine and portrayed her as an empowered character. We wanted to draw the parallel between her and what her mom used to be. And we referenced her mom being a very beloved queen. And Jasmine grows up wanting to be like her. So, I think it is very important for little boys and girls these days to get that message.

Do you think that in recent years princesses have become more powerful in films?
I certainly think they are in our film. I'm not sure if in the past few films they've been portrayed that way, but I think that we wanted to make it clear and obvious. So, we really focused on that this time.

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Tal Wilkenfeld on learning from the greats and finding her own voice

The bass prodigy and sought-after session musician talks her new album "Love Remains." **PAT KING**

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Tal Wilkenfeld has had quite the musical education. As one of the music industry's most sought-after session musicians, the 32-year-old bassist from Sydney, Australia, has recorded and performed with the likes of Jeff Beck, Herbie Hancock, Jackson Browne, Leonard Cohen, Macy Gray, Todd Rundgren — and the list goes on. This year, Wilkenfeld released her first album of her own singer-songwriter material — she previously released an album of instrumental jazz in 2007 titled "Transformation" — and is ready to take the spotlight instead of creating magic behind the scenes.

The album, "Love Remains," is a deeply confessional set of songs that showcases her virtuosic ability but does not highlight it overtly. As she discussed with Metro, it's the song that should always come first, and cluttering things up in an effort to show off would only diminish the impact. We spoke with Wilkenfeld ahead of her show at Brooklyn Bowl later this month about learning from some of the greats and chasing her muse.

The new album "Love Remains" is a deeply personal set of songs. As an extremely sought-after session player, what was the decision process like to make a shift toward showcasing your songwriting rather than your bass playing?

I've always had a deep love and appreciation for songwriting. Although I've played with many stars of music, I dove heavily into the works of various songwriters that I really respect. The thing that I appreciate the most about some of the session players that I've been privileged to work with is that they always play for the song first before anything else. I sort of walked into these sessions as if I was a different person. I walked in pretending I was another bass player hearing the song and

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"I found out that everyone has a unique process in songwriting. There's no one way to write a song. I think that the artists that I've spoken to have just become comfortable in knowing how they create and [knowing] what works for them and what doesn't and just sticking to that. That was very inspiring to me."

playing what was most appropriate for the song as opposed to walking in and thinking, "This is my album and I'm a bass player, therefore I have some sort of duty to play a certain kind of way to show some prowess on the instrument." Those two worlds don't really collide. My choice was to go back to my roots as a songwriter and make vulnerable songs.

How did actually playing with some of your musical inspirations, instead of studying them on your own, inform your songwriting?

Definitely listening to their work informed my writing and also being able to talk to a lot of them about their songwriting process was useful and interesting to me. I found out that everyone has a unique process in songwriting. There's no one way to write a song. I think that the artists that I've spoken to have just become comfortable in knowing how they create and [knowing] what works for them and what doesn't and just sticking to that. That was very inspiring to me. Seeing Leonard Cohen work on a piece for months and Jackson Browne working on something for a long time, it almost gives you permission [to think] it's okay to take the time to craft a song if that's what you feel is necessary for a song. There are other artists who write very quickly, and that's okay. If a song comes out of you in five minutes, that doesn't make it any less valid. Both avenues are fine and work. It's almost the song tells you what it needs. You just follow the muse.

Have you received any words of wisdom from some of your old bosses?

It was more just watching them operate. It was experiential learning. Seeing how they operate onstage and offstage. How they play music and how they construct their business and how their dealings with people are, you just learn by watching.

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Whether it's injuries or desperation, the best possible lineup for the New York Mets is finally revealing itself.

Just in time, too, as it could save embattled manager Mickey Callaway's job.

Following a sweep at the hands of the lowly Miami Marlins, the future of the Mets manager was in jeopardy before general manager Brodie Van Wagenen gave him a vote of confidence on Monday.

It seemed to do the trick as the Mets responded by taking a four-game series against the Washington Nationals, who are struggling even more than Callaway's side this season.

In the process, the Mets are continuing to get their biggest boost from the younger members of the lineup. It's further indication that Callaway and Van Wagenen must stop worrying about dollar signs or name recognition when deciding who starts at second base, third base, or left field.

Veteran second baseman Robinson Cano continues to struggle during his first year with the Mets. The 36-year-old is on pace to have one of the worst seasons of his career with a .241 batting average, three home runs, and 13 RBI in 45 games.

His lack of hustle this past week has made plenty of headlines as well, which won't endear himself to Mets fans any more than his slumping play. When he does hustle, he gets hurt, as seen on Wednesday night when he complained of quad tightness after running out a ground ball.

The Mets have received a supporting boost from JD Davis (28), Dominic Smith (22), and Jeff McNeil (6). GETTY IMAGES

Callaway might want to let him spend some time on the bench even when he returns from the injured list and hand the starting second-base job to Jeff McNeil once he returns to health.

The lefty is dealing with hamstring tightness and is headed to the IL, but does nothing but hit when he's in the Mets lineup. McNeil ranks amongst the very top of Major League Baseball with a .333 batting average and .418 on-base percentage.

At third base, Todd Frazier continues to prove that he just wasn't built for Citi Field. After returning from injury, the 33-year-old is batting just .211. That's not far off from a .218 average he's put up since 2016.

The problem is that Frazier's power that usually redeems his low average is not as prevalent in a pitcher's ballpark like Citi Field. He's hit 20 home runs in his first 479 at-bats as a Met after averaging 33 home runs in his previous four seasons with the Cincinnati Reds, Chicago White Sox, and New York Yankees.

His struggles should leave the door wide open for JD Davis, who continues to show that he can hang around in the pros after being unable to break through with the loaded Houston Astros.

Davis is batting .282 with five home runs in 110 at-bats this season, including a pinch-hit three-run home run on Tuesday night to spark a Mets comeback.

While Callaway admitted that Davis will be getting reps in left field to get his bat into the lineup more, a clean swap for Frazier at third would allow the Mets to get another promising bat in the lineup.

After a difficult start to his pro career, Dominic Smith looks to be putting it all together. The 23-year-old is batting .300 on the season, mainly as a pinch-hitting extraordinaire reminiscent of Lenny Harris 20 years ago.

Smith has responded brilliantly after losing the starting first-base job to Alonso, though he's been doing all the right things since spring training.

The lefty rejoined the team in much better shape and has worked on his defense in the outfield to provide some much-needed depth at the position.

He should be seeing much more playing time as Michael Conforto works to return from a concussion while Brandon Nimmo hit the 10-day injured list this week with a neck issue. Yet Smith hadn't started a game since May 16 and had just five starts on the year entering Thursday's matinee against Washington.

Giving him starts in left for the time being would allow Callaway to get an extended look at what a younger, almost no-name offense could do.

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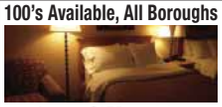

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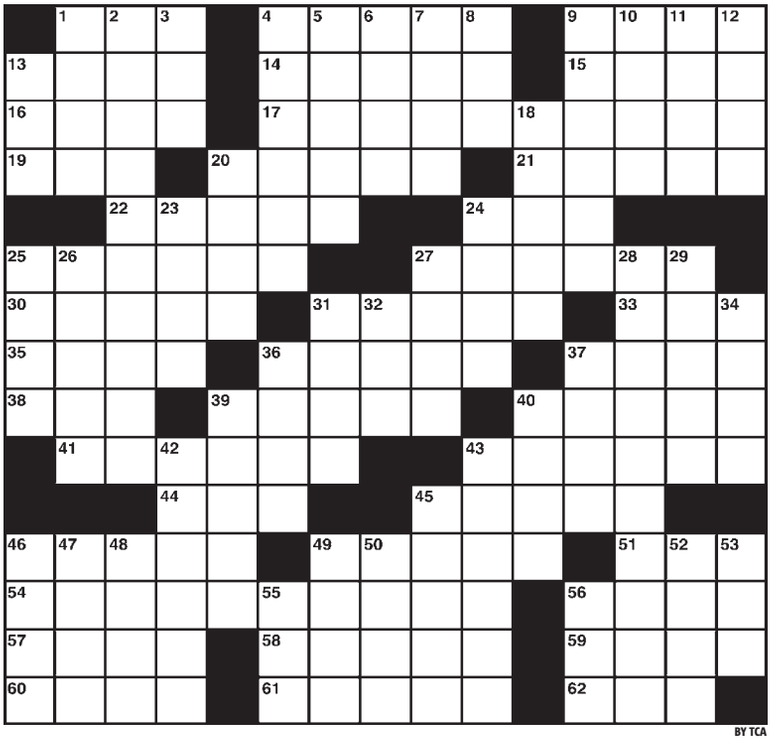
ACROSS

1 Come to the __ of; assist
4 Tire groove pattern
9 Demonstrate
13 Pressed for __; running late
14 "I __ It Through the Grapevine"
15 __ beans
16 Poor box contribution
17 Reheated
19 "There __ tavern in the town..."
20 Sporting equipment
21 Unlocks
22 Charisma
24 Hurry
25 __ at; strain to see
27 Willie or Ozzie
30 Yanks
31 Go bad
33 Actress Harper, to friends
35 Bona fide
36 Characteristic
37 Group of quail
38 However
39 Wedding cake layers
40 Less adorned
41 Huey, Dewey or Louie, to Donald
43 Geometric figure
44 Blushing
45 Language heard in Cardiff
46 Acting award
49 __ plugs; engine igniters
51 Belt-maker's tool
54 Melania's home
56 The Bee Gees, e.g.
57 Sheet music symbol
58 Vital artery
59 Hideous
60 Drove too fast
61 Common metal
62 Sleeping spot

DOWN

1 "What __ you?"; inquiry about health
2 Spotless
3 __ Moines
4 Obstruct; foil
5 Kingdom
6 __ Grey tea
7 Up in __; irate
8 ...FDR, HST, __, JFK, LBJ...
9 Skiers' inclines
10 Bee's home
11 Foreboding sign
12 Major conflicts
13 Mai __; colorful cocktail
18 Lacy mat under a vase
20 Declares illegal
23 Word after Bunker or Capitol
24 "If you can't stand the __, get out..."
25 Energetic
26 Part of a royal flush
27 TV crime drama series
28 Engage in price gouging
29 __ oranges; winter fruits
31 Mr. Carey
32 Corncob
34 Stringed instrument
36 Even, as a score
37 Forbids entry to
39 "Been __, done that"
40 Defraud
42 Yakety-yakked
43 Trix or Kix
45 Spend foolishly
46 __ up; admits guilt
47 Window-__; look without buying
48 Give a traffic ticket to
49 Chimney sweep's coating
50 Untainted
52 Out of control
53 Actress Myrna
55 "Who __ seen the wind? Neither I nor you..."
56 Bathroom feature



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